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REMARKS

Claims 15 and 16 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 and 17-37 are canceled without prejudice and disclaimer and claims 15 and 16 amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

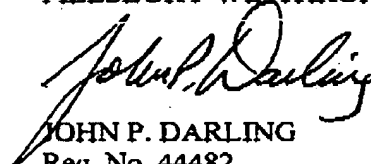
Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 15 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form and non-allowed claims 1-14 and 17-37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to their filing in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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